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For: IMIDAZOLE AND IMIDAZOLINE DERIVATIVES AND
USES THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 8, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND A
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 8, 2002 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 8, 2002 Office Action was initially due November 8, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the August 8, 2002 Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR-HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response is now due February 8, 2003. However, since February 8, 2003 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e.,